

Councilmember Kansen Chu

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Councilmember Chu at a West Coast Aquatics competition as an honorary time keeper.



Councilmember Kansen Chu visits a neighborhood block party in District 4 on National Night Out 2008.



Councilmember Kansen Chu visits Neighborhood Clean Up sites in District 4.

Door-to-Door in District 4 Newsletter

Office of Councilmember Kansen Chu

A MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMEMBER CHU

Dear District 4 Neighbors,

Welcoming the Fall season brings many exciting occasions, including the beginning of another holiday season. From Halloween to Thanksgiving, there are many activities for families to enjoy.

On Friday, October 31, thousands of costumed children will be out looking for treats in District 4. I encourage parents to make sure their children are aware of safety concerns in order to make this a fun and safe Halloween.

With the holiday season just around the corner, it is also important for all of us to take time out from our busy schedules to reassess our priorities. It also gives us an opportunity to think of others and how we can find ways to help those less fortunate than ourselves. Everyone has something to be thankful for.

Have a safe and great holiday season.

Best Regards,



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Email district4@sanjoseca.gov so we can add you to our email list.

Kansen's Blog: www.kansenchu.com/blog

District 4's Website: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/district4/>

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COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS

Councilmember Kansen Chu invites you to attend Community Office Hours in order to get feedback and provide assistance to residents. Staff will also be on hand to assist in handling questions and concerns from residents. If you wish to make an appointment to meet with Councilmember Chu on any of the listed dates, please call the office at (408) 535-4904.

COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS DATES AND LOCATIONS

WEDNESDAY

OCTOBER 1

Alviso Youth Center

Room 1

6:00PM-8:00PM

WEDNESDAY

OCTOBER 29

Berryessa Branch Library

Study Room C

6:00PM-8:00PM

WEDNESDAY

NOVEMBER 12

Berryessa Community Ctr

Room 2

1:00PM-3:00PM

WEDNESDAY

DECEMBER 10

Starbucks @ River Oaks

6:00PM-8:00PM

Dates & locations subject to change.

Increased Traffic Enforcement in Berryessa

The San José Police Department Traffic Enforcement Unit (SJPDTU) will be conducting increased traffic enforcement in the Berryessa area between October and December 2008.

The Berryessa area has been selected as one of six high enforcement zones based on the number of citizen complaints regarding traffic problems such as speeding, failure to yield and running stop signs. The SJPDTU will be out in full force, especially in the areas of our schools. The SJPDTU includes both motor officers and patrol cars.

The boundaries for the Hostetter Enforcement Zone are Cropley Avenue, the Foothills, Penitencia Creek Road, Capitol Avenue, and Interstate 680.

Despite the increased enforcement, I continue to urge all drivers to drive safely where ever your destination is and follow the posted guidelines so we can continue to have a safe community. For more information, please visit my website at www.sanjoseca.gov/district4



Attendees at District 4 National Night Out Movie Night



Councilmember Chu at the Grand Opening of Downtown College Prep in Alviso.



Neighborhood Groups

Alviso Water Taskforce

Meets every 2nd Tuesday of the Month at 6PM at the Alviso Community Center
www.alvisowater.org

Contact: alvisowater@gmail.com

Berryessa Citizens Advisory Council

Meets every 2nd Monday of the Month at 7PM at the

Berryessa Community Center

Contact: Mike Flaughner

mikeflaughner@yahoo.com

Independence High Neighborhood Association

Meets every 3rd Monday of the Month at 7PM Location TBA

Contact: Dale Warner

ihna@dalewarner.com

North Valley Community Association

Meets every 1st Monday of the Month at 7PM Location TBA

Contact: Karen Navas

kn_nca@yahoo.com

To Subscribe to the Listserve, Please send an email to:

[NorthValleyCA-](mailto:NorthValleyCA-subscribe@yahoo.com)

subscribe@yahoo.com

Piedmont Hostetter Neighborhood Association

Meets quarterly at 6:30PM at the Berryessa Union School District Board Room

Contact: Cheryl VanZuylen

Cheryl_vanzuylen@yahoo.com

River Oaks Neighborhood Association

Meets every odd month

Location TBA

Contact: Jean Marlowe

jean@jeanmarlowe.com

Townsend Park Neighborhood Association

Meets twice yearly

Location TBA

Contact: Lori Wallace

lori_wp@yahoo.com

HALLOWEEN



Safety Tips from San José Fire Department

As we plan for another fun Halloween evening for our families, I want to remind all that safety continues to be an issue as well. The following are simple precautions families should take into consideration to ensure a safe and happy Halloween from the San José Fire Department. I encourage everyone to review, discuss with their children and apply the following tips on October 31st for another successful and enjoyable holiday.

IMPORTANT TIPS FOR PARENTS

- An adult should accompany any children under 12 years of age.
- Place jack-o-lanterns in a location so that children's costumes will not come into contact with the flames.
- Set an early evening time limit for your own trick-or-treaters.
- Do not hand out homemade or unwrapped treats to children.
- Welcome trick-or-treaters with your porch lights and any exterior lights on.
- Consider costumes with white or reflective clothing, or use reflective tape. They should always carry a flashlight or glow stick.

IMPORTANT TIPS FOR TRICK-OR-TREATERS

- Do not go inside anyone's home. Remain on the porch at all times.
- Insist on a 'buddy system'- make sure you have at least one buddy for the entire evening.
- Use caution when crossing streets. Walk, don't run, and always use sidewalks.

IMPORTANT TIPS FOR MOTORISTS

- Watch for children darting out from between parked cars.
- Watch for children walking on roadways, medians, and curbs.
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully.
- At dusk and later in the evening; watch out for children in dark clothing.

Please visit my website for more tips and helpful information for a safe Halloween: www.sanjoseca.gov/



Santa Clara County students join Councilmember Chu with Ribbon Cutting.



San José's 1st completed "Boundless Playground" located in District 4.



Majestic Way students listen on during the Ribbon Cutting event at Berryessa Creek Park.

Berryessa Creek Park Playground

On Friday, September 19, 2008, I hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony event for San José's newly installed playground at the Berryessa Creek Park. Completed in August 2008, the playground boasts the esteemed distinction as one of the first in the City of San José to go beyond standard accessibility requirements to a 'boundless playground.'

The youth play structure is wheelchair accessible throughout so that children in wheelchairs can play and interact with fully-abled children. The Berryessa Creek Park playground was selected as the first site in San José in part because of the location of the County Office of Education, Special Education program at Majestic Way Elementary School, which is adjacent to the park.

The event was a joint effort with the City of San José Parks, Recreation & Neighborhood Services, and Majestic Way Elementary School.

Students from Majestic Way Elementary School and students from the County Office of Education, Special Education Program attended this event. I wish to thank Staff from the Berryessa Community Center for providing activities for the children after the ribbon cutting ceremony. Additionally, I would like to thank the artist, WOWHAUS!, and staff from the Public Art Program for incorporating activities that engaged children in creating the public art at Berryessa Creek Park.

I encourage you to take your children to visit this special playground, as it will be well used in the many years to come.



Students make a wish with Councilmember Chu with crystals during the Public Art activity.

Your San José Police Department Captains

San José Police Department

Foothill Division Captain

Captain Ernesto Alcantar

ernesto.alcantar@sanjoseca.gov

Central Division Captain

Captain Phan Ngo

phan.ngo@sanjoseca.gov



Councilmember Chu with Captain Alcantar at the Gang Prevention Training for Parents in District 4.



OLD BERRYESSA LIBRARY

In the past year, I have been working closely with City staff and community members to find a tenant for the old Berryessa Library site. My goal from the beginning was to find a tenant that not only works for the community but is also good for the neighbors in the immediate vicinity.

In March 2008, the community advisory panel comprised of neighborhood stakeholders rejected proposals submitted by the County Office of Education and Silicon Valley Future Stars. The community panel felt that the proposals were not compatible with the neighborhood's needs and agreed to reopen the process to allow for other proposals to be brought forward.



The City of San José is currently undergoing the second selection process to find tenants for the reuse of the old Berryessa Library. The delay in the release of the second process was due to the discovery of mold in the building and the City of San José has been working to find ways to address this issue prior to making it available for public use. I would also like to thank District 4 residents for their patience and understanding as we go through the second RFP selection process.

The latest Request for Proposal was released on September 29, 2008 and closed after 3 weeks. After all the proposals are received, City staff will convene a meeting with the community advisory panel in the Fall to make a recommendation. A community meeting allowing citizen input will be coordinated in December. The City Council is also expected to review staff's recommendation for the use of the facility by late fall. The City's goal is to execute a contract by the end of the year.

I would like to thank the community advisory panel for their time and assistance during the RFP selection process as well as the community members for their input and feedback. My goal from the beginning was to find a solution for the use of the old Berryessa Library that best fits the community as a whole.

NEW 880/101 FREEWAY ROUTE SIGN ON COMMERCIAL STREET

I have been working closely with the Department of Transportation to install an alternative freeway entrance sign on Commercial Street to inform District 4 commuters that they can continue on Commercial Street and still have access to 880 North and 101 North. Drivers do not have to wait at the streetlight to turn left onto Oakland Road to access the freeways. Please utilize this alternate route to help alleviate traffic on Commercial Street.





City & Community Contacts

City Hall Call Center

(408) 535-3500

Abandoned Vehicles

(408) 277-5305

Alviso Branch Library

(408) 263-3626

Alviso Youth Center

(408) 586-7624

Anti-Graffiti & Litter

(408) 277-2758

Berryessa Branch Library

(408) 808-3050

Berryessa Community &

Senior Center

(408) 251-6392

Berryessa Youth Center

(408) 262-1014

Code Enforcement

(408) 277-4528

Crime Prevention

(408) 277-4133

Garbage & Recycling

(408) 535-3515

Parks & Recreation

(408) 535-3570

Sidewalk Repair

(408) 277-3158

Street Lights

(408) 277-5517

Street Sweeping

(408) 277-2571

Tree Trimming & Removal

(408) 277-2756

Meet the District 4 Team



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FOCUS AREAS

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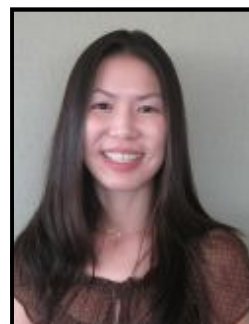
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District 4 Events

For up-to-date event information, visit
sanjoseca.gov/district4 and email
district4@sanjoseca.gov to receive e-Notices.

2 NORTH SAN JOSE
TASKFORCE UPDATE
7:00PM-9:00PM
Martin Luther King, Jr. Library
Room 255-257
150 E. San Fernando Street

OCTOBER

6 NVCA General Meeting
Occurs every 1st Monday
7:00PM-8:00PM
Northwood Elementary
School
2760 E. Trimble Road

9 PRESCRIPTION DROP-
OFF EVENT
2:00PM-6:00PM
Berryessa Community Ctr
3050 Berryessa Road

11 TOWNSEND PARK
ASSOCIATION MEETING
Inaugural Meeting
10:00AM-12:00PM
Townsend Park
On Lundy Ave and Townsend



Councilmember Chu with
District 4 SJPD Captain Ngo.



Fire Engine 19 visits Majestic Way students at the
Berryessa Creek Park Playground event.

25 PENITENCIA CREEK PARK
RIBBON CUTTING EVENT
Opening of Reach Trail
10:00AM-11:00AM
Penitencia Creek Park
Near the Wildlife Center

29 FIRESTATION 19
GROUNDBREAKING EVENT
10:00AM-10:30AM
On Piedmont Rd and Sierra Rd

NOVEMBER

10 BERRYESSA CITIZENS
ADVISORY COUNCIL
GENERAL MEETING
Occurs every 2nd Monday
7:00PM
Berryessa Community Ctr.
3050 Berryessa Road

11 ALVISO WATER
TASKFORCE & LOWER
GUADALUPE COLLABO-
RATIVE MEETING
6:00PM-8:00PM
Alviso Branch Library
Community Room

11 VETERANS DAY
City Hall Closed

12 INCLUSIONARY HOUSING
OUTREACH MEETING
6:00PM-8:00PM
Berryessa Branch Library
Community Room

16 NVCA ADOPT A PARK
Occurs every 3rd
Sunday 9:00AM-10:00AM
Northwood Elementary
School & Northwood Park
921 Fox Lane

27 THANKSGIVING
HOLIDAY
City Hall Closed on
November 27 and
November 28



Councilmember Kansen Chu presents a
grant check to the North Valley Little League
at its inaugural game.



Councilmember Chu welcomes Father Hendrickson
to St. Victor's Church.



Councilmember Chu presents a commendation to
Sylvia Lowe, mentor for IHS student organizers of
the Moon Festival at Overfelt Gardens.

Event dates are subject to change. Please contact the District 4 office at (408) 535-4904 to confirm events.

VOLUNTEER IN DISTRICT 4!

Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley (408) 929-9453	The Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley strives to provide high quality care and rehabilitation of injured, sick, and orphaned wildlife within the Silicon Valley Community. Volunteer to assist our wildlife!
Adopt A Creek Program (408) 265-2607 ext. 2945 Web: www.valleywater.org	There are more than 800 miles of streams in Santa Clara County that need cleaning. The water district works very hard year round to maintain the health of these creeks, but they can not do it alone. They need help from citizens like you who act as stewards for the cleanliness of our community and environment throughout the year.
Adopt A Park Program (408) 793-4190 Web: www.sjadoptapark.org	Adopt a Park Program's main goal is to protect and enhance San José's neighborhood parks and open spaces by ongoing volunteer support, and to educate San José residents about the importance of parks and open spaces.
Friends of the Library Program (408) 808-2181	Contact the Berryessa Library Volunteer Information regarding a wide array of volunteer opportunities!
Santa Visits Alviso Web: www.alvisosanta.com	Please visit www.alvisosanta.com or email Richard Santos at rpsantos@scvwd.dst.ca.us for more volunteer information for the event in December.

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